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KENTUCKY STATE NATURE PRESERVES COMMISSION TO MEET *Year-ending meeting to include presentation of Biodiversity, Volunteer awards*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 27, 2007) – The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) will conduct a quarterly public meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at 10 a.m. EST in the conference room of the Division for Air Quality, adjacent to the commission's office, 801 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Ky. A highlight of the meeting will be the presentation of the commission's two most prestigious awards – the Biological Diversity Protection Award, given annually to a person who has made a significant contribution to the protection of Kentucky's biological resources, and the Volunteer Steward Award, which recognizes a person or organization for significant contributions as a volunteer to the stewardship of Kentucky's preserves.

KSNPC's mission is to protect Kentucky's natural heritage by identifying, acquiring and managing natural areas that represent the best-known occurrences of rare, native species, natural communities and significant natural features in a statewide nature preserve system; working with others to protect biological diversity; and educating Kentuckians as to the value and purpose of nature preserves and biodiversity conservation. The commission inventories Kentucky for significant natural areas and protects the best examples in a state nature preserve system.

The meeting facility is accessible to people with disabilities. KSNPC will provide, upon request, reasonable accommodations including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all programs and activities. To make special arrangements, contact Leslie Isaman at KSNPC by Dec. 3, 2007, at (502) 573-2886 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. EST.

More information about the Commission can be obtained by mail (KSNPC, 801 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Ky. 40601-1403), by telephone (502-573-2886) or via Internet (www.naturepreserves.ky.gov).

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